

REMARKS

The Office Action has set forth a restriction requirement, alleging the claims of the application to be directed to the five different inventions. The first claim group encompasses claims 1-7, and Applicant hereby elects that group for further prosecution. In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicant cancels the remaining claims.

Applicant understands that, by making this restriction, the Examiner acknowledges that any prior art used to reject the elected group will not be similarly used to reject claims of other groups in any ensuing divisional application, because any such rejection would be tantamount to an admission that the examination of those claims could proceed with the current claims, with no undue burden to the Examiner.

It is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this submission. If, however, any fee is deemed to be payable, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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